A Florida Mystery, Too

Pensacola, Fla.

The county solicitor here began investigating yesterday the death of a man who, his brother said, left Dallas after President Kennedy's assassination because he was being constantly questioned by "agents."

1112iThe man, Thomas Henry Killam, moved to Pensacola, then Tampa, then back to Pensacola to escape these "agents," the brother said. His wfie worked as a stripper for Jack Ruby, the brother said.

Two days before he was found dead amid the shattered glass of a department store window, March 17, 1964, Killam said, according to his broyher:

"I'm a dead man. I've run as far as I'm going to run."

Request

The brother, Earl Killam, asked the solicitor to exhume his brother's body to determine more about the death, which the police had listed as an apparent suicide.

"Did you ever hear of a man committing suicide by jumping through a plate glass window?" the brother asked.

Killam's wife was a longtime employee of Ruby in Dallas, the rother said. Killam also worked as a house painter with a man named Jack Carter, who had roomed in Dallas boarding house once with Lee Hafvey Oswald, the brother said.

Mother

At 4 a.m. on the morning of March 17, the Pensacola News-Journal said, Killam received a phone call at his mother's home. The newspaper quoted the mother as saying that Killam dressed and left the house.

About a half hour later, two street sweepers heard a crash on a downtown street. "They thought it was a trash truck picking up beer and whiskey bottles," said the polci ereport, signed by Officer S.N. Reeves.

They turned their truck around and saw a man staggering in front of a broken display window, the report said. They called police. But Killam died before he got to a hospital.

The police report said, "because of the presence of blood approximately four feet inside the show window, it is my opinion the expired jumped through the window."

BLOOD

Coroner A.H. Northup said his report showed ther was only one cut on Killam's body: "A long, three-inch deep laceration over the lower side of the neck. Apparently sustained deep laceration in throat when he fell through plate glass window."

The solicitor, Carl Harper, said he took a statement from Earl Killam yesterday morning and would investigate immediately. He said he planned to tal kto District Attorney James Garrison of New Orleans.

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